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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed March 26, 2003, applicant elects the invention of
Group I (claims 1-14) drawn to a method. The election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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